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UNANI SYSTEM OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether standardization , cultivation and survey of medicinal plants on regular basis is an essential requirement of research activities in Unani System of Medicine ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether quotations were invited through newspaper ,advertisement for appropriate accommodation of Unani Research Centre at Lucknow ; and

(d) if so, the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI AMBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b): Drug Standardisation, Survey and Cultivation of medicinal plants from part of the research activities of the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM). The Council has so far evolved standards for 222 single drugs and 385 compound drugs and out of this, 122 single drugs have been adopted by the Unani Pharmacopoeia Committee for incorporation in Unani Pharmacopoeia of India. The Council has collected and documented over 60,000 botanical specimen and 9000 folklore claims from different tribes. Agro techniques for cultivation of 22 Unani medicinal plants have also been developed.

(c)&(d): Quotations had been invited for appropriate accommodation for Unani Research Centre at Lucknow. In the meantime, Govt. of U.P. allotted a piece of land and it was decided to construct a combined building complex for research in Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy with each System having its separate identity. As such the proposal to hire accommodation has been shelved.